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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATIC LOAD BALANCING OF For: ADVERTISED SERVICES BY SERVICE INFORMATION PROPAGATION BASED ON **USER ON-DEMAND REQUESTS**

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<u>X</u>	28	Pages of Specification including an Abstract
<u>X</u>	14	Pages of Claims
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Total Claims	36	-20 =	16	X	\$ 18	=	\$288
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